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Docket No. TI-36211

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **PATENT** application of:

Applicant: Rajesh Tiwari et al.
Application No.: 10/663,948
Filing Date: September 16, 2003
For: DUAL DEPTH TRENCH TERMINATION METHOD FOR IMPROVING CU-BASED INTERCONNECT INTEGRITY
Examiner: Phat X. CAO
Art Unit: 2814

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED MAY 3, 2006

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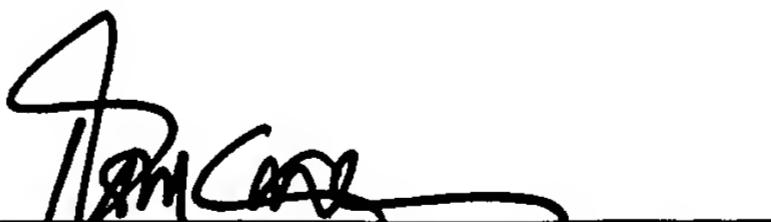
Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated May 3, 2006, attached is a copy of the Appeal Brief filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 9, 2005, with a new page nine containing the corrected claim 9, as requested, for the above-identified application.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, TIP484US.

Respectfully submitted,
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